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GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB

DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION

(Education-7 Branch)

NOTIFICATION

The 10th December, 2025

No. SED-EDU7013/14/25-EDU-71/1262253/2025.- In exercise of the powers conferred by section 38 of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009 (Central Act No. 35 of 2009), and all other powers enabling the State Government in this behalf, and in supersession of the earlier Notification No. 2/4/10-2E7/8770 Education-7/2010/18/11/10 dated 18th November, 2010, the Governor of Punjab is pleased to issue the following guidelines for implementation of the provisions of Section 12(1)(c) of the Right of Children to Free & Compulsory Education Act, 2009 [hereinafter referred as RTE Act], in order to clarify and extend the categories of children eligible for admission, namely:-

1. Children whose family income from all resources is below 8.0 lakhs per annum (vide letter no. 1/16/2019-RCI/116 dated 14th May, 2019 of Department of Social Justice, Empowerment and Minorities, Punjab, as amended), shall be identified as children belonging to Weaker Section for the purposes of Section 12(1) (c) of "The Right of Children to Free and compulsory Education Act-2009"

Note: * The EWS income limit shall be subject to annual revision by the Department of Social Justice, Empowerment and Minorities, Punjab.

2. The term **"Child belonging to disadvantaged group"** as used in section 2 (d) of the RTE Act shall mean a child belonging to any of the following categories:-

(i) Weaker Section

(ii) Scheduled Caste

(iii) Backward Class/ Other Backward Classes not falling in the creamy layer.

(iv) Children of War widows.

(v) Children of destitute parents (Minimum 50% disability).

(vi) Children with special needs and suffering from disability as defined in the Rights of Persons

with Disabilities Act, 2016.

(vii) Orphans.

3. The ratio of reservation between children belonging to the Economically Weaker Section and the Disadvantaged Groups Shall remain 50:50.

4. On the basis of above the private unaided scholls as defined under Section 2 (n) (iv) of the RTE Act shall provide reservation for admission to the children belonging to the different groups as under:

Category	Percentage
Economic Weaker Section	
- Income limit upto 8 lakhs per annum from all sources	12.5%
Disadvantaged Groups	
(i) Weaker Section	
(ii) Scheduled Caste	
(iii) Backward Class/ Other Backward Classes not falling in the creamy layer.	12.5%
(iv) Children of War widows.	
(v) Children of destitute parents (Minimum 50% disability)	
(vi) Children with special needs and suffering from disability as defined in the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016.	
(vii) OrPhans.	

5. The fee of the children belonging to the Economically Weaker Section and Disadvantaged Group shall be reimbursed by the State Government as per the provision of section 12(2) RTE Act, 2009 read with the Rule 8 of the Punjab Right to Children to Free and Compulsory Education Rules, 2011.

6. This notification shall come into force with immediate effect, i.e., from the date of its issuance.

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